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SUBJECT: TURKEY REQUESTS VERIFICATION OF MILITARY CARGO

ABOARD MV SLAVYANIN

REF: A. STATE 104162
[1](#)B. STATE-NICOSIA-KYIV-ANKARA E-MAILS

Classified By: Pol-Mil Counselor Carl Siebentritt for reasons 1.4 (b,d)
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[1](#)1. (U) Action request at para 4.

[1](#)2. (C) Pol-Mil Counselor was summoned to the Foreign Ministry on August 1 by Deputy Director General for Security Affairs Sakir Torunlar, who requested information on the vessel MV Slavyanin and verification that its military cargo, reportedly destined for the Iraqi Security Forces, is legitimate. Torunlar said that Turkey understands the vessel is currently in Limassol. The Turkish government is concerned that the military cargo could be diverted to PKK and other terrorists once in Iraq. Torunlar noted that Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki's office had told the Turkish ambassador that it had no knowledge of the shipment, thereby increasing Turkish suspicions.

[1](#)3. (C) We told Torunlar that we are investigating the shipment and would provide information as soon as it is available. We requested that Turkish officials not draw hasty conclusions as to the bonafides of the shipment based on incomplete information.

[1](#)4. (C) Action request: Post would appreciate any information on MV Slavyanin and its cargo that we can share with Turkish authorities.

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